

WILL NOT BE DUPED.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS REFLECT DETERMINATION OF ALLIES TO SEE WAR THROUGH.

Neutral emissaries reported to have arrived in England to push propaganda.

London, May 4.—In discussing Germany's next "peace offensive," signs of which have begun to appear recently, the newspapers reflect the determination of the British nation and its allies to see the war through. They say it is impossible that Germany should succeed in duping the Allies into a peace which does not fulfill the principles for which they are fighting.

The Times says the general expectation that the Germans, failing to obtain a crushing victory in France and Flanders, would inaugurate a peace campaign in the Allied countries, seems likely to be fulfilled. It continues:

"Neutral emissaries as well known antecedents and tendencies are understood to have arrived recently in England and other Allied countries for the purpose of suggesting that if the Allies will only show a pacific disposition they will find Germany ready to meet them on moderate terms."

"It need hardly be said that origin of these manoeuvres is quite as well understood as was the purpose of the military offensive in March, and that the Allied governments are likely to present as firm a front to any peace intrigue as the Allied armies presented to the German military attacks."

The Daily Mail says: "The irruption of amiable neutrals into England, with no visible business, has already begun, including the arrival of a pro-German friend of the German foreign secretary, Dr. von Kuehlmann, who is not charged with any official mission as far as the London legation is aware. These neutral emissaries should save themselves much trouble and some personal danger if they recognize clearly that Great Britain is not to be duped like the Bolshevik and Ukrainian dupes."

The Express adds that the first peace offensive agent in London laid his proposals semi-officially before various officials. The newspaper says it understands on high authority that this agent is a Dutchman, with important financial connections and that he came as a friend of von Kuehlmann; that is to say, his inquiries were made on behalf of the civil and not the military party in Germany. "This agent represented to the authorities here," the newspaper continues, "that by our refusal to consider peace last year we deprived the civil party in Germany of the chance of ousting the military party, and also that the most we could hope for now was peace by arrangement. He was told there was no such thing in the English dictionary as peace by arrangement. He was told also: 'Very soon there will be no such phrase as raw material in the German dictionary.'"

"There is no doubt that the present peace offensive is inspired largely by Albert Ballin, (director of the Hamburg-American Line), and other magnates of the German shipping world, who foresee that a determined Entente can easily cut them off for many years from all markets of the outside world, as well as from Allied ports."

"The failure of the first envoy to find a sympathetic hearing will not end the peace offensive. It is known that other neutrals have been persuaded to undertake the task of laying further suggestions before the British government, without any apparent inspiration from Germany. But the business associations of these envoys are too well known for any doubt to exist that they are deliberately inspired."

The Daily Express says: "If the present feelers are being put out by von Kuehlmann the obvious answer is that von Kuehlmann has no power to pledge his country to anything. Germany is today absolutely in the hands of the militarists. When the militarists have given up hope of victory in the West let the Kaiser himself approach the Allies as a whole. Let him admit he cannot win the war, categorically abandon his scheme of conquest and withdraw his armies within his own frontiers. After that the Allies will talk, but the Germans and von Kuehlmann may make up their minds that hole-and-corner intrigues will be boycotted and that we shall continue fighting till a clean, not a patched-up, peace is in sight."

CHURCH UNION VALID.

Washington, May 6.—The Supreme Court today declared valid the merger in nineteen hundred and six of the Cumberland Presbyterian church with the Presbyterian church and consolidation of the church property.

THE CASUALTY LIST.

Eighty-eight Names on the Roll of Honor—Twenty-one Deaths, Including Richard Henderson of Laurens, S. C.

Washington, May 6.—The casualty list contains 88 names. Killed in action, 6; died of wounds, 3; died of accident, 2; died of disease, 9; died of other causes, 1; wounded severely, 4; wounded slightly, 48; missing in action, 15. Lieutenant William L. Stagers, Benton, Ala., is reported missing in action. Privates Richard Henderson of Laurens, S. C.; Canada Mannie, Pinebluff, Ark., and Abram Joseph, Moss Point, Miss., died of disease.

BRITISH ADVANCE LINES.

Regain Lost Positions on Somme Front from Germans.

London, May 6.—The British line has been advanced on a considerable front between the Somme and Ancre Rivers, west of the southwest of Molencourt, it is officially announced. The British positions in the neighborhood of Lacon and the Lawe river on the southern leg of the Lys salient in Flanders has been improved as the result of local fighting.

RECORD FOR SHIPBUILDING.

Less Than Month Sees Big Collier Launched.

Philadelphia, May 5.—All records for rapid construction of ships were broken today when the 5,448 tons steel collier Tuckahoe was launched at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in Camden, N. J. The keel of this wonder ship was laid on April 8 and only 27 working days were required to prepare the hull for launching. The boat was 90 per cent. completed when it slid into the waters of the Delaware. In 15 more days it will be ready for a cargo.

A distinguished company witnessed the launching including Charles M. Schwab, director general of ship construction; Chairman E. M. Hurley of the shipping board; Vice President Charles Plez, Francis T. Bowles and Senator Fletcher, chairman of the senate commerce committee. Miss Helen Hurley, Chairman Hurley's 12 year old daughter, christened the ship.

SHIP BUILDING PROGRESS.

America Begins to Gain on Submarines.

Washington, May 6.—Ten steel ships of fifty-seven thousand, six hundred and ninety-five tons and six hundred and twenty-one thousand five hundred tons were launched in American ship yards during the week ended May 5th, the shipping board announced today. Twelve steel ships of more than eighty thousand tons were delivered to the board complete in the same period.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

Department Plans Improvement in Service.

Washington, May 5.—Early announcement of Secretary Baker's new plan for furnishing the country with adequate and authentic accounts of the doings of American troops in France was indicated today when the weekly war review, heretofore issued by the department, failed to make its appearance for the first time in some months. In explanation, it was said that the news publicity policy was nearing completion and the old form of statement had been abandoned.

It has been customary for the statement to be given out on Sunday for publication the following day and covering operations in Europe up to the preceding Friday or Saturday. The review was made up at the war college and the fact that it has frequently been certain that it was founded largely on unofficial press reports in commenting on the situation has made officers here skeptical as to its value.

It is now believed that a more official summary, dealing almost exclusively with the activities of American troops as officially reported, will be submitted.

General Pershing has not entered upon the practice of issuing communiques up to this time, it has been explained, because his has not been a wholly independent army as far as operations were concerned. The situation is greatly changed now and American units are scattered through the battle line. Some of them face the Germans with the French left wing near Amiens; others are brigaded with French troops at various points to the south.

Efforts probably will be made to get reports quickly from all of these units as well as from the American sector itself.

No Peace Offers.

London, May 6.—Foreign Secretary Balfour told the House of Commons today that no peace offers have been made recently by the enemy.

DEATH OF SOCIETY LEADER.

Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago died at Her Home in Florida Sunday Night.

Sarasota, Fla., May 6.—Mrs. Potter Palmer, known for many years as one of the society leaders of Chicago, died at her home here last night. She owned nearly 100,000 acres in Manatee county, on which she had a cattle ranch.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Measures Taken to Prevent Communication of Diseases Between Army Camps and Civil Population.

Washington, May 2.—Extraordinary measures have been taken by the Public Health Service to prevent communication of disease between civil and military populations where military camps have been established. This general scheme of health conservation, constitutes what the government officials call "a hitherto unparalleled demonstration in efficient public health organization and administration."

In twenty States, a total of more than thirty health zones surrounding the military camps have been established, each with a separate, carefully planned cooperative health organization. The Public Health Service, the State and local health authorities, and the American Red Cross combine in this cooperative movement. The general plan is to galvanize local health authorities into action, to support and widen the scope of State health authorities, to supplement but not supplant them. One object is to so stimulate and strengthen local and State activities that the improvement shall be permanent after the guiding hand of the federal service has been removed.

An experienced sanitarian has been placed in charge and given a competent staff. Local funds were supplemented by Red Cross funds and by funds which congress appropriated. Stimulated by the presence of a large number of soldiers, the communities were found to be eager to pass ordinances to protect the health of these men.

Health measures adopted in these military zones have been grouped principally around the control of communicable diseases and the precautions include investigation, prevention, quarantine, hospitalization and clinical treatment of these diseases. Isolation hospitals and clinics have been found necessary in combatting one of the most common diseases falling within this class.

Supervision of food supplies, especially milk and milk products, is carried out by systematic inspections and typhoid and smallpox vaccinations of persons employed in handling food products. Supervision of water supplies and of disposal of sewage and waste are given special attention. In each zone, a laboratory is used for diagnosis of suspected cases of communicable diseases. Schools are being medically supervised for control of communicable diseases and precautions taken by smallpox vaccination and voluntary inoculation against typhoid fever.

Most of the area surrounding the cantonments being rural, the government has instituted rural sanitary surveys to improve sanitary conditions at dwellings. In each zone, the public is being aroused to the importance of health through lectures, exhibits, publications, school and home inspections and similar work.

"Through these measures," Surgeon General Blue, of the Public Health Service, says "not only is the sanitary condition of these areas being steadily raised to a plane surpassing anything in their previous experience, but communities are being taught in a most practical manner the value of public health work and the great contribution to national efficiency which is made by the conservation of health."

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

(Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 27.
Strict Middling 26 3-4.
Middling 26 1-2.
Strict Low Middling 25 1-2.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Open High Low Close
May . . . 25.25 25.48 25.16 25.48 25.22
July . . . 25.98 25.55 24.85 25.31 24.88
Oct . . . 24.50 24.80 24.27 24.71 24.20
Dec . . . 24.25 24.59 24.12 24.59 24.00

BOMB EXPLOSION IN JAIL.

Chicago, May 4.—A bomb explosion in the county jail this afternoon injured several prisoners. The explosion was said to have been a part of jail delivery plots. Twenty prisoners made a desperate attempt to escape, but were clubbed into submission by guards. Policemen on motorcycles arrived and completed the restoration of order.

REPORTS OF POSTOFFICE SALES.

Postmasters Have Reported Much Better—Sales are Being Pushed—Negroes are Starting to Buy—Two More Big Buyers.

Add to Big Buyers:
C. G. Rowland \$100.00
Charley Johnson through E.

E. Aycock 120.00
Everybody knows who Mr. Rowland is. Mr. Rowland of course is concerned in a great many enterprises and has need for much working capital. He has bought heavily of government bonds, and probably has had to borrow to do so. Mr. Rowland realizes, however, that no man can keep all his money employed all the time, that there are bound to be lapses sometime when it is not invested. He has, therefore, placed this amount where it will accumulate interest steadily for five years, and at the same time it will help his nation.

Do you know Charley Johnson? No? Well, he is a colored man at Wedgefield. He is incapacitated from fighting himself so he told Col. Aycock he wanted his money to fight, and he has loaned it to the government to buy guns, bullets for the men in France. Could he do better?

The postmasters are at last reporting their sales. The report from the director in Charleston shows the following reports from the Sumter county offices for the week ending April 27th:

Borden, no report; Brogdon, \$40; Claremont, nothing; Dalzell, \$19.50; Hagood, \$32.75; Horatio, nothing; Mayesville, \$170.00; Oswego, \$130; Providence, no report; Rembert, \$67.75; Shiloh, \$65.00; Sumter, \$3,192.50; Tindal nothing; Wedgefield, \$8.00.

Much better than it used to be. All those no reports and nothings ought to be changed, though.

The negroes are starting to buy Thrift and War Savings stamps. They are very late, but the fault is not with the masses. A committee was appointed a long time ago to spread the gospel of War Savings among them, but the committee did not spread. So far as results testify the committee is still slumbering peacefully. You can't keep a good thing like War Savings quiet however; individuals all about are coming to the War Savings Committee, asking for instructions, and are proceeding to push the work by forming War Savings Societies. In Concord, at Horatio, at Dalzell, at Oswego, at Stateburg the work has been going on. Dr. Bragg Anthony has been taking it to the schools. The work of organization will be pushed among them, and much cotton chopping money in the country, and weekly wages in town will go to the aid of the government through the Thrift cards.

The following have been appointed district directors for districts outside of town: W. R. Wells, E. E. Aycock, Wedgefield; R. M. Jones, R. J. K. Jennings, R. 4; J. A. Reames, Rembert; A. C. Thompson, Dalzell; C. J. Jackson, Horatio; J. Thomas Dennis, Shiloh; J. W. Odom, Mayesville. Many more are needed throughout the county. Here is where energetic men and women can show their patriotism by volunteering for service. There should be five hundred war saving societies throughout the county. There are not yet fifty.

Saving Sammy says:
If you are really heart and soul with the soldiers buy War Savings stamps; you can stampede the Huns with War Stamps.

Don't think in terms of Thrift Stamps; think and act in terms of War Saving stamps.

METHODISTS FOR CHAPLAINS.

Southern Church Has Met Every Call for Army and Navy Chaplains.

Atlanta, May 6.—Southern Methodists have met every call for chaplains in the army and navy, according to the report of the department of home missions presented to the general conference today which showed the Methodists of the country were allotted one-third of the protestant chaplains, two-fifths of that number to be supplied by the Southern church. The report showed a total of \$548,736 has been raised by the department. A memorial from the Florida conference asked that a new hymnal be compiled.

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL TRIP.

Largest Concrete Vessel in World Tried Out at San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 5.—The 7,900 steamer Faith, the largest concrete ship in the world, built by the San Francisco Ship Building Company, was given a successful trip here today, averaging more than 11 knots an hour in its four trips over the official trial course. The Faith's engines were installed in 41 days, establishing a local record.

DEMOCRATS MEET TODAY.

Delegates Elected to State Convention and Officers for Primary Elections.

Columbia, May 6.—The Democrats of every county in South Carolina met today at the county seats and elected officers for the primary elections to be held this summer and named delegates to the State convention to be held here on May 15th.

Resolutions pledging the loyalty of the people of the State to the nation were adopted in every county.

REPORT MONTHLY MEETING.

Women's Committee Council of Defense.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Committee of the Council of Defense was held Saturday, April 27 at 11.30 o'clock in the auditorium of the high school with about thirty ladies in attendance. Reports were heard from town and county chairmen and the important work undertaken is being carried along well.

The report of the chairman of the child welfare committee was especially full and interesting. There is no more important work that could be undertaken at the present time than the conservation of child life and the welfare of the coming generation.

Three new measures to meet immediate needs were decided upon, and are being worked out along practical lines by special committees, viz:

1st. A children's market, for the purpose of having a central place to which the children can bring and dispose of their home products, thereby stimulating their efforts along this line and encouraging thrift and saving.

2nd. A market bureau through which the country people can dispose of any of their surplus produce, especially at this season of the canned goods still upon their shelves when the fresh garden products are fast coming in.

3rd. A community canner, to be operated along the most practical lines, for the benefit of those who do not find it convenient to can at home, and thereby ensuring the conservation and preserving of more food.

Just a word in explanation of the meaning and purpose of this Women's Committee of the National Council of Defense with the hope that when more of the women of our county understand its importance, they will feel the personal interest and obligation to become members.

Don't Create New Places—A Place Exists for Every Woman.

More than a year has passed since the congress of the United States was forced to declare war against Germany. It is a year since the Council of National Defense appointed the Women's Committee and the time is fully ripe for every woman to decide that her duty, in this time of trial, calls her to the service of her country.

This applies not only to those who, through existing associations, are united in the work of the state divisions of the Women's Committee and their local units, but to every woman, whether a member of an existing organization or not.

The present is not the time to form new societies for work. Multiplicity of organizations, whose work is similar and whose chief difference is in name, tends to confuse rather than to carry forward efficiently the work which the government requires of women.

The Women's Committee cannot urge too strongly the unwisdom of encouraging new associations for war work. The best way to counteract the tendency for duplication is for each woman to find a place in some body which is already engaged in the line of service that appeals to her and for which she is fitted. If for any reason such a course is impossible, let her act directly in co-operation with the nearest unit of the Women's Committee, which is the only authorized governmental agency for the coordination of all women's organizations doing war work.

It was to prevent the multiplication of societies and to make woman's work more efficient through cooperation that the Council of National Defense appointed the Women's Committee, which became the only channel through which all departments of the federal government and the various war commissions can reach all women's organizations and the individual, and the only means by which all women throughout the nation may be kept in touch with the activities of all government departments for war work.

The duty of the hour is to make this existing agency effective, not to create new machinery.

No woman who is able to render any form of service is blameless if she is neither preparing herself for active work nor has placed herself at her country's call.

The war waits for no one. There is an increasing demand for real work

and for loyal, energetic workers. It is no longer a question of inclination or desire to serve, but a duty which no woman who loves her country or humanity can ignore.

If you are able to give the whole or any part of your time to your country's service and do not know what to do or where to do it, inquire of the local unit of the Women's Committee, or the chairman of your State division, who will gladly advise you.

This year offers the crucial test, not alone of the loyalty of the individual to her country, but of our loyalty as a nation to serve mankind and to take our place among the peoples of the world who are fighting for the fundamental principles of liberty and justice for all.

The call is to you. Let it be our boast that when her country's test time came, nowhere in this land was a woman recreant to her trust.

Anna Howard Shaw.

COLUMBIA OFFICIAL SHORT.

J. Crim Mixson, Assistant City Treasurer of Columbia, Missing Since Friday—Said to Be Short \$15,000.

Columbia, May 1.—It was alleged here tonight by city officials that J. Crim Mixson, assistant city treasurer, is short in his accounts approximately \$15,000 and has been missing since Friday. He is bonded in the Gulf and Atlantic Insurance Company for \$5,000. None of the officials of the bonding company could be located tonight, but city officials believe Mr. Mixson undoubtedly will be prosecuted by it. It was officially stated tonight that the city of Columbia would prosecute as soon as a meeting is held by council and the matter was thoroughly investigated. Mr. Mixson has been assistant city treasurer since 1914, working under J. Flavie Cooper, city clerk and treasurer. He is the proprietor of a barber shop on Main street and lives on Henderson street, this city. The shortage, according to a statement made tonight by C. L. Vann, certified public accountant, was suspected some two weeks ago when Mr. Vann was checking the city books. Thorough audit now in process of execution shows there are various shortages the aggregate of which, thinks Mr. Vann, will reach fully \$15,000.

The alleged defalcations have been going on for at least two years, stated Mr. Vann tonight. Mr. Mixson's method of procedure was simple. He would, it is stated, take part of the deposits when he went to the bank and doctor the disbursement and the cash books to correspond. Vouchers would be entered in the disbursement book correctly so that when the book was checked by the auditor it would appear to be correct.

Mr. Mixson would then borrow, alleged Mr. Vann, the disbursement book from the auditor before the totals would be run up increasing the vouchers so that the disbursement totals would correspond with those of the cash book.

Children's Market.

The committee in charge of organizing the market for the town and county children are at work advertising and securing a suitable place. The schools have been visited and all are delighted with the plan and want to start work at once.

The committee, composed of Mrs. A. D. Habry, Mrs. I. C. Strauss, Misses Theo Gregg, Reese Chandler, Martie Boyle, Mrs. Jackson Harby, Mrs. Robert McLeod, Mrs. Shepherd Nash, and Mrs. C. L. Wray, are endeavoring to be ready to open the market next Saturday morning on the Court House square.

VALUABLE ADVICE.

Sumter Citizens Should Profit by The Following Statement.

Doan's Kidney Pills were used by this Sumter resident.

Their merit was shown—the story told.

Now comes further evidence.

The testimony is confirmed.

The remedy was tested—the results lasted.

Could Sumter residents demand stronger proof?

It's Sumter testimony. It can be investigated.

Mrs. Annie C. Carnes, 531 W. Oakland St., Sumter, gave the following statement January 12, 1915: "My kidneys were out of order and my back ached. I had headaches and dizzy spells, too. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they cured me of all the trouble."

Over three years later, or on February 13, 1918, Mrs. Carnes said: "I can certainly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for they gave me a permanent cure. I am glad to confirm my former statement."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Carnes had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Advt. (57)